# New Mexico Occupational Health & Safety

# FATAL FACTS



No. 8775-036

Accident Type:	Fall from height
Number of Fatalities	1
Weather Conditions:	Dry, Calm, Cool
Type of Operation:	Air Conditioner repair
Size of Work Crew:	2
Competent Safety Monitor on Site:	No
Safety and Health Program in Effect:	Yes
Was the Worksite Inspected	No
Regularly:	
Training and Education Provided:	Yes
Employees Job Titles:	Laborer
Age & Gender:	Male, 55.
Experience at this Type of Work:	Years
Time on Project:	1 Day



### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT**

Two men were repairing an air conditioning unit on the top of a roof. The deceased was attempting to climb down the ladder when he lost his balance and fell approximately 15 feet to the concrete below.

### **INSPECTION RESULTS**

Two citations of type "other" were issued as a result of the investigation. The first citation was for not maintaining injury and illness logs, 29 CFR 1904.29(2). The second citation was for failure to report a fatality to OSHA within 8 hours as required by 29 CFR 1904.39(a).

## **ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Provide ladder safety refresher training to employees involved in working at heights.